



## The WARRAWEE WRAP

### Newsletter No. 524 of the PROBUS CLUB of WARRAWEE Inc.

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## November 2025

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**Warrawee Probus bank account**      **BSB 032189**      **Account No. 751903**

**Current Club Membership**      **88**

### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

<b>Fri</b>	<b>28th Nov</b>	<b>Nov GM</b>	<b>The Warrawee Club at 10:00am</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>16th Jan</b>	<b>Jan CM</b>	<b>Killara Golf Club Lower Bar @ 10:00am</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>23rd Jan</b>	<b>Jan GM</b>	<b>The Warrawee Club @ 10:00am</b>
Mon	1st Dec	Photography	Review meeting at <b>Alan &amp; Carol McDermid's</b> @ 10:00am – see <b>P14</b>
Mon	1st Dec	Music	<b>By Zoom @1:45pm for 2:00pm start – see P12</b>
Tue	2nd Dec	Wine n Cheese	<b>Xmas Mtg at the home of Alan and Carol McDermid – @ 2:30pm – see P17</b>
Thur	4th Dec	Walk & Explore	<b>Middle Harbour Headland to Georges Head – meet at the Middle Head Café @ 10:00am – see P16</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>9th Dec</b>	<b>Xmas Dinner</b>	<b>The St Ives Club, 100 Killeaton St, St Ives @12:00noon – see P7</b>
Thur	11th Dec	Coffee Society	<b>Hornsby PCYC Café, Waitara @ 10:00am – see P9</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>15th Dec</b>	<b>CANDO</b>	<b>Centenarians and Nonagenarians Day Out, Lower Bar Killara Golf Club @ 10:00am – see P6</b>
Tue	16th Dec	Computer Group	<b>Wahroonga Probus Club</b> event @ 10:00am – see <b>P9</b>
Each Wednesday		Fitness	<b>By Zoom, in your own Room @7:00am – see P11</b>
<b>Advance Notice</b>			
Tue	20th Jan 2026	<b>Annual Picnic</b>	<b>The Pavilion, Bobbin Head @ 4:30pm – see P13</b>
Tue	20th Jan	Computer Group	<b>Wahroonga Probus Club</b> event @ 10:00am – see <b>P9</b>
Tue	27th Jan	Cinema Group	<b>Roseville Cinema, Movie and Dining times TBA – see P9</b>

**YOU CAN GO STRAIGHT TO THE WARRAWEE PROBUS WEBSITE – JUST SCAN THIS ON YOUR PHONE:**



## PROBUS WARRAWEE OFFICE BEARERS 2025/26

Office Bearers listed below make a regular and significant contribution to the running of our Club.

For the better management of the Club, each is invited by the President to form an Operating Committee to meet at Killara Golf Club at 10am on the third Friday of each month.

<b>Executive, and Operating Committee Members</b>		
President	Bruce Hughes	0423 424 125
Vice President	Keith Walker	0419 429 322
Secretary and Public Officer	Bob Cooper	0418 449 013
Treasurer	John Marshall	0435 760 244
Vice President/Immediate Past President	John Laird	0402 476 101
<b>Activity Coordinators, and Operating Committee Members</b>		
Adventure Activities	Richard White / Ian Falconer	0424 603 499 0407 462 171
Audio/Visual	John Derrett	0412 258 435
Book Club	Mark Tunstall / Ian Falconer	0429 334 340 0407 462 171
Cinema Club	Doug Chee	0415 083 613
Coffee Society	Paul Cook / Roger Weir	0414 891 620 0417 211 174
Computer Club (Wahroonga Probus) liaison	John Derrett	0412 258 435
Culture	Bill Killinger	0407 551 600
Finance Group	Rory Gray	0427 660 135
Fish n Chips	John Laird	0402 476 101
GM Trivia, Audio and Ralph's Hints and Tips	Ralph Mackie	0491 112 704
Greeting Officers / GM Set up	Paul Cook Paul Gill Robert Campbell	0414 891 620 0418 363 585 0419 239 591
Guest Speakers	Geoff Brew	0412 301 123
Luncheons	John Crouch	0403 599 078
Members Database maintenance	Ken Zandona	0407 259 367
Member Support	Bill Killinger	0407 551 600
Music	Bill Killinger / Ian Falconer	0407 551 600 0407 462 171
Nick's Book Exchange	Ian Falconer	0407 462 171
Outings	Geoff Brew / Keith Walker	0412 301 123 0419 429 322
PSPL Ambassador	Robert Plant	0418 270 741
Photography	Alan McDermid	0409 285 859
Tours	Bob Cooper / John Laird	0418 449 013 0402 476 101
Walk & Explore	James Loxton	0412 559 395
Web Maintenance	Geoff Fitzhardinge / John Laird	0418 973 583 0402 476 101
Wine & Cheese	Roger Goozee	0405 505 339
WRAP Editor	Ken Zandona / Geoff Fitzhardinge	0407 259 367 0418 973 583

# 1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Emma inherited the art deco Roseville Cinema at the age of 17. Here's how she stared down streaming.

Vintage independent cinemas like Roseville Cinema are back in the spotlight, given fresh life by young audiences along with our own Cinema & Dining Members eager to venture out for old-style movie box office glamour.



It's Tuesday night at the movies and, as the lights come up on the final credits, the gorgeous old 1936 art deco theatre fills with the hubbub of excited voices and the scuffle of patrons getting to their feet and filing out. Most of them, anyway. Little knots of people stay in their seats, talking over what they've just seen, and Emma Addario sighs. This is her least favourite part of -cinema ownership. "People get so -excited and want to stay and chat, but I have to go over and say, 'I'm really sorry, but the -cinema is closing,' or 'I've got to let the next audience in'," says Addario, 53, who inherited the Roseville Cinema on Sydney's upper

north shore from her father at the age of just 17 and started running it two years later.

"I hate to do it because I love seeing how much they've enjoyed sharing the experience," she says, "something you'd never get from staying home watching TV. That's the magic of cinema. It's pure escapism and time out from busy lives and, in a cinema like this, people feel cosy and welcomed. Now we're seeing a lot of younger people -starting to come too, because they like the nostalgia. That really appeals to a new generation."

I bring up the story of the Roseville Cinema as we have within our club Cinema & Dining organised by the enthusiastic Activity Leader Doug Chee held at the Roseville Cinema & next door dining to encourage additional members to join his regulars to feast on his dinner selection and enjoy the BIG screen cinema viewing.

And finally, a reminder to schedule in your diary other Activity dates continuing through December & January you will find in this current Wrap. As a reminder we have our **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR 2025**, a highlight of our Probus year on **Tuesday 9th December** while Gai & I look forward to meeting you at our Christmas lunch, it's **NOT TOO LATE** to book.

I also look forward to your company and seeing you at this Friday's GM, 28th November, our last for this year.

This month's Guest Speaker will be **Dr Richard Harris**, his talk is entitled "**Medical Adventures**". Dr Harris is a dedicated vascular surgeon in Hornsby, Dr Harris's novel "Imagine" is not only a book, it's a dream. Based on Lennon's song Imagine, this should be another very interesting story.

Wishing you all the joy, peace, and love this time of year brings. May you experience the light of laughter, the warmth of love, and the joy of gratitude this season. May the peace and joy of Christmas live in your heart all year long. Christmas is forever - not just for one day.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful Happy New Year.

**Bruce Hughes**

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## 2. GUEST SPEAKERS

- **Contact & Enquiries:** Geoff Brew
- **Ph:** 0412 301 123
- **Email:** [geoff.brew@icloud.com](mailto:geoff.brew@icloud.com)



Our **November 2025 Guest Speaker** is one of our old favourites, **Doctor Richard Harris**. Dr Harris' talk is entitled "Medical Adventures and Adventures (a novel)"



He is a dedicated vascular surgeon in Hornsby, praised for his patient-centered approach, use of minimally invasive techniques, and care for patients as a whole person. He is described as approachable, passionate about his work, and committed to providing holistic care. He is Chairman of the Medical Staff Council at Hornsby Hospital, has interests in medical education, and is an author.

Dr Harris's novel "Imagine" is not only a book, it's a dream.

Based on Lennon's song Imagine, Harris takes these few inspiring revolutionary words and pours life into them.

His book is a love story, a journey, a time travel, back to ourselves, to how life was supposed to be in the first place, and maybe can still be.

It challenges us to think differently, out of the box, to believe, to hope, to rebel everything history told us we should do, we should be.

It dares us to open our eyes and see what we are missing, and suggests what we can do so we live a life worth living.

Dr Harris currently practices at Sydney Adventist Hospital and Hornsby District Hospital.

**Advance Notice:** Our **January 2026 Guest Speaker** will be **Paul Kearney**.

The subject of his talk is "The History of Rock and Roll".

**Geoff B**

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## 3. MEMBER UPDATE

- **Enquiries:** Bill Killinger
- **Phone:** 0407 551 600
- **Email:** [bkilling@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bkilling@optusnet.com.au)



Gents,

Here is the latest on Members' welfare.

- It was a lovely experience for many members witnessing the family of **Tom Love** participating at his funeral last week. This all was of course to Bev's pleasure, who was there looking resplendent and carrying her sadness so well. Tom was 94 years old and our second longest current member of the Club. Vale Tom – a dear friend to us all!
- By the way, our longest serving current member is **Graeme Holm** (2000) followed by **Ralph Mackie** (2001).
- Would you believe **Paul Cook** is planning another medical venture. Sorry Paul, I make it sound like you are chasing cheap fees and frequent visitor points. No - very far from the case - but I love to hear your confidence in the coming knee replacement op in the new year.
- You will see in the Wrap, that the **CANDO** – the **Centenarian and Nonagenarians' Day Out** will be held on **15 Dec** and will now consist of a morning tea (more manageable than a lunch this year with difficult access at the RMYC Broken Bay, our normal venue, due to renovations). The morning tea will be held overlooking the course in the beautiful surroundings at Killara Golf Club.
- We are all looking forward to getting to know **Leon Clark** who has had a difficult year looking after and then attending to the passing of his wife **Jan**. I chatted to him last week and he is keen to join in.
- **Adrian de Klerk** is continuing his monthly infusions - so far so good with his health. He is a little withdrawn at the moment, admirably and privately focussing his mind on overcoming the loss of a loved one.
- **Robert Plant** has really had his attention focussed on helping **Helen** overcome her serious brain operation of a few months ago. There was no cancer involved but the results of very complicated, but successful, surgery, have to be managed.
- A successful prostatectomy operation can be reported for **John Watsford**. Of course, that is a simple statement and can belie the little problems that arise, however these have now been overcome. He and **Jenny** however are a hobbling pair of crocks with Jenny having broken a bone in her foot. Hang on to each other and all the best to you both!
- **Roger Weir** has been keeping secrets from us. Last month he did not report a couple of cardiac stents he had inserted and for some reason it consisted of a few hospital visits. But, we understand the secrecy - it is normal for proud blokes not to draw attention to their medical status. Roger, successful stents are a bit of a status symbol. So, well done mate!
- **Alan McDermid** and **Carol** are in Vietnam and Cambodia. We know they are OK because he is conducting his Probus photography business on the run. Gosh, I should not mention the "runs" when Aussies are taking risks with Asian tucker!

Please pass on any intelligence you have on your fellow members. Remember, I also want to hear and pass on good things not just all the trauma. Do not hold back – I want items of interest!

**Bill**

## NEW MEMBERS

Member	Biography
<b>Vic Spagnardi</b>	Inducted January 2025. Waiting on Vic's photo and brief biography.
<b>Rodney Henderson</b>	Inducted June 2025 – Waiting on Rodney's brief biography
<b>Roger Desmarchelier</b>	Inducted August 2025 -
<b>Harry Hull</b>	Inducted October 2025
<b>Peter Williams</b>	Inducted October 2025

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS – NOVEMBER and DECEMBER

Howard TOOTH

Adrian DE KLERK

Merton MILES

Paul COOK

Rory GRAY

Max DAVIS

Doug CHEE

Frank PAYNE

Ken ZANDONA

Robert SMITH

Dick SNELLING

Malcolm AGNEW

Greg STARR

Mike HAYTER

Bill MADDEN

Trust you all have or had a good one!

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## CANDO

### **Centenarians and Nonagenarians' Day Out**

**By invitation only for our 100 and 90+ year old members**

For information, the date is **Mon 15 December**

**Morning Tea overlooking the course at Lower Bar,  
Killara Golf Club**

**Personal invitations will advise pick-up/drop-off details and  
all arrangements**

**Enquiries to Bill K – [killinger81@hotmail.com](mailto:killinger81@hotmail.com) 0407 551 600**





## PROBUS CLUB OF WARRAWEE INC

### 2025 CHRISTMAS LUNCH

YOU AND YOUR PARTNER ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO  
JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS 2025



DATE AND TIME: TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2025 @ 12:00 NOON

LOCATION: THE ST IVES CLUB, 100 KILLEATON STREET, ST IVES

Canapes and a welcome drink on arrival

2 COURSE LUNCH incl tea/coffee

COST IS \$90.00 PER PERSON

Plenty of parking available at the venue

Please transfer payment to the Club account, BSB: 032189, account number: 751903 with reference  
Xmas and surname

and send confirmation to John Marshall ([jdknm@bigpond.com](mailto:jdknm@bigpond.com)) and Bob Cooper  
([rcooper@cooper.com.au](mailto:rcooper@cooper.com.au))

## 4. ADVENTURE GROUP

- **Contact & Enquiries:**
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  - Richard White M: 0424 603 499
- **Email:** [ian.falconer@sydney.edu.au](mailto:ian.falconer@sydney.edu.au)  
[whitard@ozemail.com.au](mailto:whitard@ozemail.com.au)



Our last adventure activity for the year was a successful KAYAKING morning on the beautiful Woronora River on Wednesday 22nd October, followed by lunch at the Boatshed.

### Next year

Planning for Adventure activities for 2026 has already started.

We are considering the following activities:

- Kayaking at Narrabeen and/or Woronora
- Tenpin bowling at Hornsby RSL Club - enjoyed by all this year
- Archery at Olympic Park – a minimum of 10 participants required
- A whale watching boat trip – worth the cost!

We need more variety, so our activities don't become stale. Any suggestions as to new adventurous, affordable, outdoor activities or different locations for the above activities would be much appreciated.

**Ian and Richard**



## 5. BOOK CLUB

- Meets bi-monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of selected months
- Enquiries: Mark Tunstall 0429 334 340
- Email: [home@tunstall.com.au](mailto:home@tunstall.com.au)

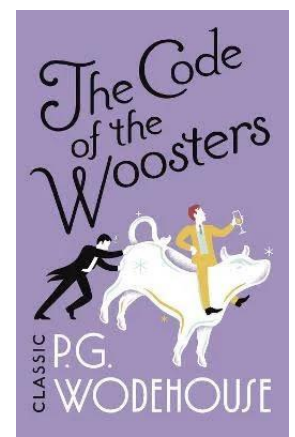
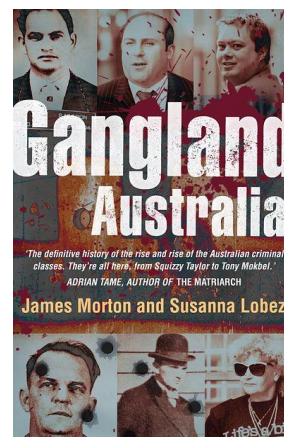
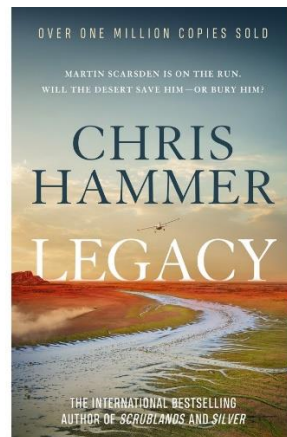
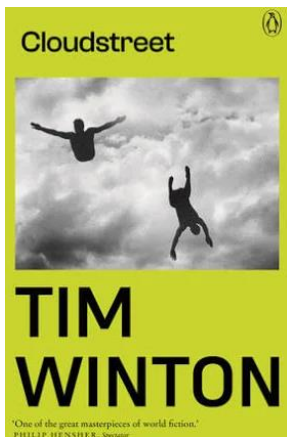


The next Book Club meeting is

**Monday 16 February 2026 @ 10.00 am**

**Killara Golf Club – Lower Bar**

**Here are the currently nominated books**



- **Cloudstreet– Tim Winton** - Fiction – Thanks to Bill Killinger  
Winner of the Miles Franklin Award and recognised as one of the greatest works of Australian literature, *Cloudstreet* is Tim Winton's sprawling, comic epic about luck and love, fortitude and forgiveness, and the magic of the everyday.
- **Legacy – Chris Hammer**– Fiction - Thanks to Doug Gordon  
Martin Scarsden flees an assassination attempt but lands in even more trouble with a deadly family feud leaving him at death's door in Chris Hammer's next blockbuster crime novel.
- **Gangland Australia – James Morton & Susanna Lobez** – Nonfiction - Thanks to Malcolm Agnew  
*Gangland Australia* surveys our criminal landscape from the early 1800s to the recent underworld killings in Melbourne. It details the exploits of an unforgettable cast of villains, crooks and mobsters who have made up the criminal and gangland scene in Australia for over two centuries.
- **The Code of the Woosters – P G Wodehouse** – Classic - Thanks to Geoff Fitzhardinge  
Follow the adventures of Bertie Wooster and his gentleman's gentleman, Jeeves.

**We meet, talk, drink beer/wine/coffee - have fun! Then a quick lunch.**

**Ian Falconer runs Nick's Book Exchange at the General Meeting**

**Bring your old books please**

**Mark & Ian**



## 6. CINEMA & DINING

- Held on the first Tues following the GM
- Contact and Enquiries: Doug Chee
- Phone: 0415 083 613
- Email: [dypc@hotmail.com](mailto:dypc@hotmail.com)



The Cinema and Dining Activity will be in recess over the Xmas/New Year period.

All members will be duly notified by email when the Activity resumes on **Tuesday 27 January 2026.**

Doug

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## 7. COFFEE SOCIETY

- Gatherings are held on the second Thursday of the month.
- Contact & Enquiries to: Paul Cook
- M. 0414 891 620
- Email: [pmjcook@bigpond.com](mailto:pmjcook@bigpond.com)



Next gathering for coffee is **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 10am** at the **HORNSBY PCYC CAFÉ, 1 Park Lane, Waitara.** (Cnr Waitara Ave, Opposite Magpies Club and next door to KOKODA and adjacent to Waitara Oval and 50m from Waitara Station)

Free Parking under PCYC, drive in off Park Ave. Then up the stairs/lift to the Café.

A table is reserved for us in the Café or outside depending on the weather.

**All Members and spouses /partners /friends are welcome, especially new members** – it's a great way to meet your fellow members and introduce your partners in a relaxed environment. **RELAX and CHAT TOGETHER – Get to know other Members**

**Please let me know if you are coming so that I can arrange appropriate seating.**

Paul

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## 8. COMPUTER GROUP

- Wahroonga Probus group welcomes members of Warrawee Probus to their Computer Group meetings.
- This group normally meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.



The next meeting of the Wahroonga Probus Computer Group will be **Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

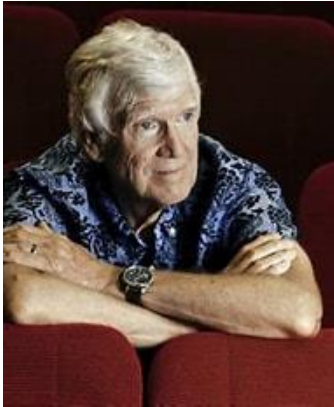
Any Warrawee Probus members interested in attending need to **RSVP** to **Paul Wood** of the **Wahroonga Probus Club** at [purdey123@outlook.com](mailto:purdey123@outlook.com) to confirm both location of the meeting and numbers attending.

Further queries are best addressed to **John Derrett** ([john@derrett.net.au](mailto:john@derrett.net.au)) from our Warrawee Probus club.

**If you are intending to attend the Wahroonga Computer Group, please let John Derrett know as occasionally the date of the meeting gets moved at short notice.**

## 9. CULTURAL CLUB

• : [bkillinger@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bkillinger@optusnet.com.au)



**Late Morning Session –  
11 am 5 March 2026**

**David Williamson's latest play**

### ***The Social Ladder***

**Cost \$96 pp plus lunch**

Step out of the theatre and enjoy the views of Careening Cove  
while we lunch in **Bayly's Bistro**

**Tell Bill - [killinger81@hotmail.com](mailto:killinger81@hotmail.com) 0407 551 600**

**Pay Probus      BSB: 032189      Acct: 751903**

Ensemble Theatre is at 78 McDougall Street, Kirribilli. Train to Milsons Point Station –  
then a 400 m walk

**Bill**

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## 10. FINANCE GROUP

- **Meet the first Friday of every second month**
- **Enquiries: Rory Gray      0427 660 135**
- **Email: [rorygray53@gmail.com](mailto:rorygray53@gmail.com)**



Interested in matters financial? Then consider coming to the next  
**Finance Group** meeting:

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026 @ 10:00 am**

**Venue: The Warrawee Club, Pacific Highway, Warrawee**

**Cost: Please bring along \$12 to help defray the room hire and morning  
tea/coffee charge.**

**The Aim of the Group:** To discuss a range of topical and informative finance related subjects in a friendly relaxed informal atmosphere. Whether you are experienced in personal finance or simply want to know more about aspects of the world of money matters you are most welcome to attend.

**What will 2026 bring?** Will the bubble in AI and big tech stocks burst?

Global affairs and resultant transformation of markets, tax and health care reforms, rare earths, volatility of the equity and real estate markets.

We also will be continuing with another segment on downsizing options.

Plenty to discuss at our next meeting so come along.

**Rory**

## 11. FISH 'N CHIPS

- Meet second Friday of each month
- Contact & Enquiries: John Laird Ph 0402 476 101
- Email: [jlaird@conicklaird.com.au](mailto:jlaird@conicklaird.com.au)



We will be protecting our waistlines over the busy Christmas season

by taking a break until **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**.

We will meet at the **Waterside Bistro, Bobbin Head Marina** in Ku-ring-gai National Park for our monthly meet.

This is a casual gents get together.

Regular attendees will be contacted a few days prior, but otherwise let me know if you would like to receive updates.



John

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## 12. FITNESS BY ZOOM

- Contact & Enquiries: John Laird Ph 0402 476 101  
Paul Gill Ph 0418 363 585
- Email: [jlaird@conicklaird.com.au](mailto:jlaird@conicklaird.com.au)  
[pagill@telstra.com](mailto:pagill@telstra.com)



### ZOOM Fitness

(in conjunction with **Mike Adams** from **Pymble Gym**)

Tel. 0422 716 113 [michael@lobef.com.au](mailto:michael@lobef.com.au) )

Contact participating members John Laird or Paul Gill if you would like to discuss.

Features:-

- Presented live, in your home, by ZOOM – via your mobile, tablet or laptop. Mike will assist you with access.
- Each session will be for one hour commencing **7:00am each Wednesday**.
- Limited requirements eg. hand weights can be arranged
- Cost **\$12 per session**. Arrange billing directly with Mike.
- Sessions are social, yet purposeful for our ages, our needs and condition.

Seven members are currently participating!!!

**John and Paul**



## 13. LUNCHEONS

- Generally held on the fourth Thursday of selected months
- Contact & Enquiries: John Crouch
- Mobile: 0403 599 078
- email : [ja.crouch@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ja.crouch@optusnet.com.au)



Put the following dates in your 2026 diary:

- 26<sup>th</sup> March
- 25<sup>th</sup> June
- 27<sup>th</sup> August and
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October

John

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## 14. MUSIC GROUP

- Meets by Zoom first Monday of each month
  - Contact and enquiries: Bill Killinger
  - Mobile: 0407 551 600
  - Email: [bkillinger@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bkillinger@optusnet.com.au)
- In conjunction with Ian Falconer and Geoff Fitzhardinge



The next Zoom Music is on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of December**

**Yes, stay in your own home and just look and listen – it is always very enjoyable and interesting.**

Presenters on this occasion will be

**Geoff Fitzhardinge, Peter Williams and Ralph Mackie**

**It is great to welcome Peter to the Music Group – he is our brand new member**

Geoffrey Fitzhardinge invites you to this scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Probus Music Zoom Meeting

Time: **Dec 1, 2025 02:00** PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85332969049?pwd=7zqJ0bVCIZGkpxs6IWJiLpDU1L1Tne.1>

**No need to give notice – just click on the link above on the day**



# 15. OUTINGS

- **Contact and Enquiries:** Geoff Brew / Keith Walker
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- **Email:** [geoff.brew@icloud.com](mailto:geoff.brew@icloud.com)  
[walker.keith.ian@gmail.com](mailto:walker.keith.ian@gmail.com)



Our next Outing is

## **ANNUAL NEW YEAR BBQ** **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Enjoy the start of the New Year with our annual Probus social gathering.**

**The Outing:** Following the Club's tradition, we have booked the "The Pavilion" at Bobbin Head, from 4.30 pm until 'closing'.

While the Pavilion's BBQs will be available, please bring whatever form of portable dinner, hot or cold, takes your fancy.

Whatever you decide, it will be all BYO, as will your choice of liquid refreshment.

**DON'T MISS IT!**



**Cost:** Entry to Bobbin Head within Kuring-gai National Park is free if you have an NPWS Pass, otherwise the park entry fee (\$12 per car) applies. Apart from this, there are no other costs.

### **Advance notice:**

Our next outing in February 2026 has yet to be confirmed.

**Geoff Brew**



# 16. PHOTOGRAPHY

- Meets third Thursday of each month
- Contact and Enquiries: Alan McDermid
- Mobile: 0409 285 859
- Email: [candamcdermid@outlook.com](mailto:candamcdermid@outlook.com)



**Next Photo Review Meeting: Monday 1 December, 2025 at 10:00 am**

The photos captured at the October outing will be reviewed at this meeting at my home in Lindfield plus any other photos members wish to share.

## The "Springtime Flower" Challenge

With the advent of spring, the second challenge I have set for the group is to take a photograph or photographs of one or more flowers in any location. I can't wait to see at the next review meeting some beautiful and creative flower based photos.

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## Photo Competition 2025

The closing date for entries has now past. Thank you to so many people who submitted entries this year. It will be interesting to see which photos are judged as the best for 2025.

***But....back by popular request...***

## PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

***Its your chance to vote on the best photo in your esteemed opinion!  
Members and partners are eligible to vote.***

## VOTING IS NOW OPEN

**Get your vote in now! Voting is easy.....here's how...**

1. All photos entered in the competition have been posted on the Club's website so...
2. Click on or copy the following link into your browser to get direct access to those photos  
<https://www.probuswarrawee.org.au/peoples-choice>
3. Alternatively, log onto the website, select *Photography*, then select *People's Choice* and start browsing
4. Select your favourite photo by noting the red number on the photo (only one vote per person) and...
5. Email that photo number to me (my email address is [candamcdermid@outlook.com](mailto:candamcdermid@outlook.com))

### OR...VOTE IN PERSON

The photos will also be on display at the 28 November General Meeting and also at the Annual Christmas Lunch on 9 December. Choose your favourite, fill in a voting slip, and put your vote in the voting box provided.

**VOTING WILL CLOSE AT 12:30 PM ON TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2025 AT THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

**The best time to vote is.....now!**

**Alan**

# 17. TOURS

- Contact & enquiries:
- Email:

John Laird 0402 476 101  
jlaird@conicklaird.com.au



## PROPOSED LONG TOUR 13 to 27 OCTOBER 2026 NZ NORTH ISLAND AND THE COOK ISLANDS



We are planning this tour for **2026** to be led by **Greg Ferguson**, Kiwi tour organizer with an unrivalled expertise in providing memories of a lifetime. (He led a highly successful Probus Warrawee tour of NZ South Island in 2019.)

### Summary of inclusions:

- Return flights from Sydney;
- 9 days NZ North Island and 6 days Cook Islands;
- 14 nights accommodation, incl breakfasts and dinners;
- Selection of lunches incl scenic cruise on Aitutaki Lagoon;
- Boat trip to Waiheke Island and boat trip to Russell;
- Kiwi bird experience in the wild with local guide;
- Return flights to Aitutaki Island.

A 6 page itinerary is available which provides details of the daily activities.

Estimated cost for full tour is AUD10,000 per person including airfares, payable as follows:

Non refundable deposit (payable by 31 December 2025)	\$1,500 per person
2nd installment (payable by 30 April 2026):	\$3,500 per person
Final payment (payable by 15 August 2026):	\$5,000 per person

**Please let Bob Cooper (0418 449013, [rcooper@cooper.com.au](mailto:rcooper@cooper.com.au)) know if you would like the itinerary and it will be emailed to you.**

**John**

## 18. WALKS & EXPLORE

- Walks are held on the first Thursday of each month
- Contact & Enquiries : James Loxton M: 0412 559 395
- Email : jamesaloxton@gmail.com



Our next walk will be held on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**. The plan for December is to continue our water view walks.



A new walk has recently opened between Middle Harbour headland and Georges Head. It looks like a cliff top walk. It's said to be 3.5kms long. The blurb for the walk also reports that you will explore 220 years of Sydney defence history. It will be an interesting day.

We will **meet at Middle Head Café** (1110 Middle Head Road) at **10.00am** with the aim of starting the walk at **10.30am**. At the end of the walk, you can catch the bus which runs from Chowder Bay if you don't want to walk back. The bus will drop you near to the café. Alternatively, we could retreat to the Bistro Mosman back in Mosman.

**What to bring:** Drinking water, hat, sunscreen, sturdy shoes, suitable clothing

**Could you please let me know if you intend to join in.** Perhaps we can organize some carpooling.

**James**

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## 19. WEBSITE

Contact & Enquiries :

- Geoff Fitzhardinge 0418 973 583  
[gglfitz@gmail.com](mailto:gglfitz@gmail.com)
- John Laird 0402 476 101  
[jlaird@conicklaird.com.au](mailto:jlaird@conicklaird.com.au)



The Probus Warrawee website is via [www.probuswarrawee.org.au](http://www.probuswarrawee.org.au)

**SCAN THIS ON YOUR SMART PHONE:**



and it will take you to the website!

The "Members Only" page is however restricted to **Members who are registered**. When you tap on the "Members Only" page link you use **your email address** and your own **nominated password**.

To register (to access the "Members Only" page) all you need do is click on the "Members Only" page link and follow the instructions to "Sign Up". This sends an email to the



webmasters to set up your membership log-in. You won't get an instant response but once actioned by one of the webmasters you will be a 'registered' member so you can use your email address and nominated password as above.

The [probuswarrawee.org.au](http://probuswarrawee.org.au) web page also contains members' own stories under the heading **Meet your fellow members**. A great opportunity to get to know your fellow members. Remember, fellowship and friendship is what we are about.

**Members should also look at the website for event updates.** The "COMING EVENTS" page provides a snapshot of all activities. And it provides a link to the latest WRAP.

**Geoff F and John**

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## 20. WINE & CHEESE CLUB

- **Dates as advised**
- **Contact & Enquiries: Roger Goozee**
- **Mobile: 0405 505 339**
- **Email: [goozeer@bigpond.com](mailto:goozeer@bigpond.com)**



The next Wine & Cheese gathering is our Xmas gathering on



**Tuesday 2nd December**

at **Alan and Carol McDermid's place, 94A Bent St, Lindfield.**

We will be starting at **2:30pm.**

We will have a selection of wines purchased from our kitty built up over the past year. A selection of cheese and crackers will accompany the wine.

**Remember to please let me know if you intend to attend.**

**Roger**

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**DOES ANYONE KNOW  
WHICH PAGE OF THE  
BIBLE EXPLAINS HOW TO  
TURN WATER INTO WINE?  
ASKING FOR A FRIEND.**

I just had a  
physical.  
The doctor said,  
"Don't eat anything  
fatty"  
I said,  
"Like bacon and  
burgers?"  
He said,  
"No fatty, don't eat  
anything!"

A woman noticed her husband standing  
on the bathroom scale, sucking in his  
stomach. "Ha! That's not going to  
help," she said.  
"Sure, it does," he said. "It's the only  
way I can see the numbers."   
JuicyQuotes.com | THE BEST JOKES TO SHARE



# RALPH'S HINTS AND TIPS

**SCAMS Awareness!** - Think twice about clicking on an unlikely celebrity endorsement in emails or texts etc. Artificial Intelligence (AI) can fake people's pictures & voices. **Be careful!**

**Scammers are busy this time of year** - especially around Black Friday and Christmas. They try to trick people into giving out money or passwords, and sometimes pretend to be your bank, or other trusted brands.

Please stay alert and remember to: **Stop, don't rush to "click here"**. It could be fake! Avoid paying via phone links or email links. Never share passwords via phone or email!

**Check, look carefully at the sender's email address.** Are there **spelling mistakes?** If so, don't open! **Always preview!** Visit official websites to confirm payments and due dates. Only enter your username and password on official websites.

**Protect, manage your payments safely.** Use a **different password** for each service or website. If you think you've been scammed, **reset your password and notify your bank.**

**Watch out for fake online stores.** For prices that seem **too good** to be true and for any **pressure to act quickly** so you don't miss out on an offer.

**Beware of emails, text messages and advertisements** that pop up on your screen with links to unbelievable sales. These may contain malicious software or direct you to fake websites that steal your information.

**Don't trust** - Websites with blurry logos or images or 'look too good' or sellers who ask you to pay with gift cards or cryptocurrency.

**Service NSW Advice re Scams:** Look out for these warning signs on the shopping sites you visit:

- prices much lower than anywhere else,
- spelling mistakes and poor grammar,
- no refund or return policy page,
- vague or minimal contact information.

It only takes 10 minutes to learn how to grab bargains more safely - do the free online shopping course from 'ID Support NSW'.

**Car Insurance for older cars**, it is worth dropping from agreed value to market value in comprehensive insurance policies to save money!

**Motorway Toll relief.** For toll payments over \$60 for private vehicles rebates have been reinstated. For toll spend between \$60 and \$400 a week per tag and/or licence plate number on their personal toll account, for personal toll trips in a vehicle registered for private use, rebates of up to \$340 a week for each tag and licence plate number are available. **See Service NSW**

**BLACK FRIDAY (28 Nov.)** specials are available at many shops & many will extend for a few days after the 28th!

**Use Paypal, Apple Pay, Google Pay, and digital wallets** when you can, to pay for goods & services in order to you keep your debit & credit card details secret.

Print a copy of each month's reminders and keep them for future reference!

Have a Happy and Safe Christmas and drive carefully!

Got any hints to pass on? Let me know.

**Ralph Mackie**

## VOICE FROM THE PAST

David Price hasn't forgotten his friends from Warrawee Probus, providing this community service announcement as it may affect members with Gmail accounts:

**Gmail Is Removing "Check Mail From Other Accounts"**